

# **SPARK GAP**

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**Dave - VP. Jacki - Tres. Bruce - Sec. Bob - Pres.**

## **OUR NEW CROP OF M.A.R.C. OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012**

On Our MARC...

As I begin my term as club president, I wish to extend a word of thanks on behalf of the entire membership to Steve Carmean, K9DY, for his superb leadership these past two years. As he steps out of the presidency, he leaves behind an organization that is strong and a big pair of shoes for me to fill. And while he has earned some time to catch his breath, rest assured that we are not going to let him get too comfy in his "retirement." His knowledge of ham radio and his devotion to the club are valuable assets that we hope to continue to cultivate. Thanks Steve!

You may have noticed the title of my comments, On Our MARC. This play on the familiar phrase that ends with, "get set, go," describes my hopes for the club in the coming year. This is our Mid-State Amateur Radio Club. It is not the property of the president, the officers, or any one individual; it belongs to all of us. As an organization, we are now over 27 years old with a strong foundation beneath us, so it is time to start charting our future. Key to achieving our goals will be to have an active and growing membership. Our strength will always be in our people and the diversity of talents and interests that we have in amateur radio.

So, if you know someone that you think would make a good ham or perhaps a fellow ham that has stepped away from the hobby for a while, invite them to a meeting soon. We meet the third Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the basement conference room of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency. We will have the coffee pot on!

Bob – KC9NJM Rtgukf gpv

## 2011 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

Mark your calendars: The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is set for October 31, 2011 Halloween Evening. This nationwide exercise is the chance to test your emergency operating skills and the readiness of your communications equipment and accessories in an emergency-like deployment. ARRL Field Organization Lead at the Section and Johnson County-- along with many other volunteers who are active in public service and emergency communications -- are developing emergency-like scenarios in consultation with a variety of agencies for which radio amateurs are known to provide service during emergencies.

We used the evening of Halloween last year as our test of our emergency capabilities working with the Johnson County EMA and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department. The net will be from 6:00 PM to sometimes as late as 10:30 PM. Those participating will mostly be mobile and relaying traffic to the net control station located at the Johnson County EOC. All radio traffic will be monitored and pertinent information will be relayed to the Johnson County Sheriff's office. The stations that are mobile will be known to the Sheriff's Department and will be conducting official business and reports of suspicious activity in various locations throughout the county.

ARES/RACES members and radio amateurs have assisted the Johnson County Sheriff's Department for many years by being another SET of eyes on many miles of roads that are in Johnson County.

Please consider helping with this test of our communication system and passing traffic. A report of our SET will be sent to ARRL Headquarters.

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is an ideal opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur Radio and to improve them when necessary by experimentation. Community and public service agency officials will learn first-hand by taking a role in the SET and by providing an objective evaluation afterwards from their perspective.

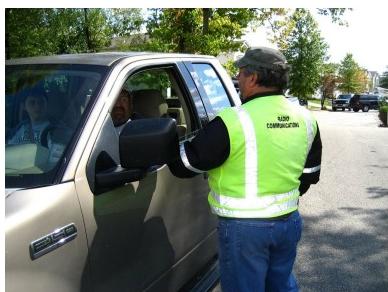
73,

Bob N9SIU Johnson County ARRL EC

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## Greenwood High School Marching Band Invitational

**Many thanks to those that helped with this event it was fun even in the rain.**



## ARRL Briefs White House Staff on Amateur Radio's Capabilities During Emergencies

On September 12, at the invitation of White House Cyber security Coordinator Howard A. Schmidt, W7HAS, the ARRL briefed several members of the National Security Staff on the capabilities of the Amateur Radio Service to communicate in emergencies. "The White House is looking for ways that the great work of Amateur Radio operators can continue to support emergencies in the future with particular attention to increased use and dependency on Internet-based technologies," Schmidt said. The ARRL presentation, conducted by Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, W5MPC -- along with President Kay Craigie, N3KN, and Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ -- focused on Amateur Radio's current and evolving capabilities to provide Internet messaging connectivity.

**IF THAT PESKY OPERATOR IS GIVING YOU SOME QRM**

**CONTACT LINDA, KC9GCH (RAMBO) AND SHE CAN CLEAR IT UP WITH HER "RPG" !!!!!**



White House Cyber security Coordinator Howard A. Schmidt, W7HAS (left) invited the ARRL to the White House to brief staff on the part that Amateur Radio plays in Emergencies. Standing with Schmidt outside the West Wing are (left to right) ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, and ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, W5MPC,

# **M.A.R.C. ANNUAL PICNIC**

## **SEPTEMBER 17, 2011**

**Many thanks to Steve & Cinda Brown for hosting the picnic.**



**WOW, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!!!!**

## **2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER 2011**

#### **15 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**

Located at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN. VEC Testing after the meeting (approx. 9:30 am to 11:00 am)

### **NOVEMBER 2011**

#### **19 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**

Located at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN. VEC Testing after the meeting (approx. 9:30 am to 11:00 am)

### **DECEMBER 2011**

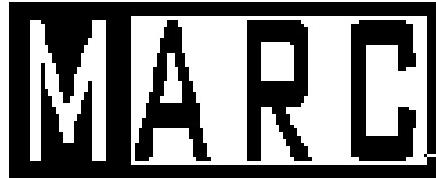
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## **2011 Indiana Hamfests**

Oct. 2	<b>Hoosier Hills Hamfest</b> , Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds, 11261 US Hwy 50 West., Bedford , <a href="http://www.w9qyq.org/">http://www.w9qyq.org/</a>
Oct. 8	<b>LCARC Hamfest</b> , Lake County Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court Street, Crown Point, Indiana, <a href="http://www.lakenetnw.net/member/larc/">http://www.lakenetnw.net/member/larc/</a>
Nov. 19-20	<b>Indiana State Convention, Fort Wayne Hamfest &amp; Computer Expo</b> , Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, <a href="http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com">http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com</a>

**The season is just about over for Hamfests.**



## MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, [www.midstatehams.org](http://www.midstatehams.org), for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or a member of the club.

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**WA9RDF**  
**Repeater**  
**146.835/**  
**146.235 MHz**  
**151.4 Hz PL Tone**

***Club Officers:***  
**President: Robert Jones – KC9NJM**  
**Vice President: Dave Daily – KB9LOT**  
**Secretary: Bruce Tisdale – K9ICP**  
**Treasurer: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG**  
**Repeater Trustee: Jay Chrisman – AA9YP**

***Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS***

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